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## MS PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for filing a  continuation  divisional  
 continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of  
 pending prior Application No. 08/956,029 filed on October 22,  
 1997, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by  
 reference,  
 by

Kazuo SHIOTA; Norihisa HANEDA; Shigekazu FUKADA

for

PICTURE PRINTING SYSTEM

1.  Enclosed is an application consisting of specification,  
 claims, declaration and drawings/photographs (if  
 applicable).

2.  The filing fee has been calculated as follows:

		LARGE ENTITY		SMALL ENTITY		
BASIC FEE		\$770.00		\$385.00		
	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	Fee	RATE	Fee
<b>TOTAL CLAIMS</b>	20-20 =	0	x 18 =	\$0.00	x 9 =	\$0.00
<b>INDEPENDENT CLAIMS</b>	3-3 =	0	x 86 =	\$0.00	x 43 =	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED			+ \$290.00		+ \$145.00	
		<b>TOTAL</b>	\$770.00		\$0.00	

3.  A check in the amount of \$770.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.

4.  Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.

5.  Enclosed is/are two (2) sheet(s) of formal drawings and/or photographs.

6a.  A statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. 08/956,029 on \_\_\_\_\_. See the attached copy of the statement claiming small entity status.

6b.  The current application qualifies for small entity status.

7.  The prior application is assigned to Fuji Photo Film Co., Ltd.

8.  A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

9a.  Priority of Application No(s). 279206/1996 filed in JAPAN on October 22, 1996 is/are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on January 2, 1998.

9b.  Priority of International Appln. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and \_\_\_\_\_

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Applicant: Kazuo SHIOTA et al.  
Serial No.: 08/956,029 Group: unassigned  
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For: PICTURE PRINTING SYSTEM

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 12, 1998  
2091-SP140P

Sir:

Under the provisions of MPEP § 2001.06(b), the Examiner is hereby advised of the following co-pending U.S. Application(s):

<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Art Unit</u>
08/970,394	November 14, 1997	2712
08/997,089	December 23, 1997	unassigned
08/839,361	April 18, 1997	2606

The subject matter contained in the above-listed co-pending U.S. applications may be deemed to relate to the present application, and thus may be material to the prosecution of this instant application.

The above-listed co-pending applications are not to be construed as prior art. By bringing the above-listed applications to the attention of the Examiner, Applicants do NOT waive any confidentiality concerning the above-listed co-pending application(s) or this application. See MPEP § 101. Furthermore, if said applications should not mature into patents, such

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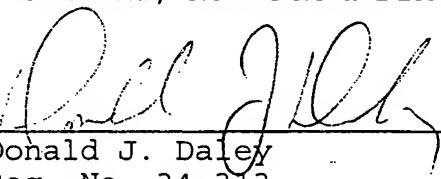
applications should be preserved in secrecy under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 122 and 37 CFR § 1.14.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ under 35 U.S.C. § 120 and/or § 119 are hereby reclaimed.

10.  An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.

11.  Address all future communications to:

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12.  An extension of time for \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) month(s) until \_\_\_\_\_ has been submitted in parent Application No. 08/956,029 in order to establish co-pendency with the present application.

13.  Also enclosed herewith is the following:

A copy of a Letter listing co-pending applications filed in parent application 08/956,029 on March 12, 1998.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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